

Environment Committee

I am writing in support of HB 5363 AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE CONSERVATION FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

I farm with my brother in Northwest Connecticut. We own and operate 455 acres of farmland that is approximately 1/3 forested. The conservation and care of this land would be much more efficient if the oversight came from a single agency, the Department of Agriculture. Forestry is traditionally an agricultural pursuit and many times operates side by side with other agricultural ventures. The Department of Agriculture has the expertise and ability to better execute these functions.

Please support HB 5363.

Sincerely,

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